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**TO:** Holders of AHCCCS Medical Policy Manuals

**FROM:** Maureen Sharp, Medical Policy Manager  
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**SUBJECT:** AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM)  
Update, February 2009

There are multiple changes for the month of February.

**Chapter 300, Policy 310DD, Covered Transplants and Related Immunosuppressant Medication**

Policy 310DD has been revised to provide greater clarity and align with community standards. There are multiple modifications throughout the Chapter. Changes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Definitions added (page 310-69)

Close proximity means within the geographic service area.

Hematopoietic Transplants means blood based transplants specifically relating to bone marrow, stem cell and lymphocyte infusions.

- Modification to specific organ transplant policy sections:

Liver Transplants (begins page 310-82)

Pancreas only (Retransplantation) (begins page 310-91)

- To assist in consistent interpretation of our Policy, please note the information previously recorded in Appendix A has been incorporated into the Chapter. We have relocated the information related to Extended Eligibility Process/Procedures for Covered Solid Organ and Tissue Transplants from Appendix B to Appendix A.

Modifications to this Policy are substantive, with an effective date of 3/1/2009. Individuals with questions related to modifications to this Policy should contact Maureen Wade at 602-417-4145.

### **Chapter 300, Policy 320-B, AHCCCS Member Participation in Experimental Treatment**

AHCCCS has modified language related to member participation in experimental treatment to increase clarity and better align with Policy 310DD. Members may participate in experimental treatment, but such treatment is not covered by AHCCCS. In addition, coverage of care associated with complications resulting from the experimental treatment will be considered on an individual basis.

Modifications to this Policy are substantive and are effective on 3/1/2009. Individuals with questions related to this Policy should contact Maureen Sharp at 602-417-4627.

### **Chapter 800, Policy 810, Utilization Management**

Language changes were made to this Policy to properly identify AHCCCS staff performing review functions related to transplants. This modification is substantive with an effective date of 3/1/2009. Individuals with questions related to modifications to this Policy should contact Maureen Sharp at 602-417-4627.

### **Chapter 1100, Federal Emergency Services Program**

The format of Chapter 1100 has been revised to correspond to the format previously adopted for the AMPM. This is a technical correction, not a change in policy.

### **Appendix G, Behavioral Health Services Guide**

Appendix G is now reserved. The Behavioral Health Services Guide, previously also referred to as Appendix G, exists as an independent document that is available on the AHCCCS website. There are several additional technical corrections in the AMPM which direct the reader to the revised location of information related to the Behavioral Health Services Guide.

Individuals with questions related to the Behavioral Health Services Guide should contact Stewart McKenzie at 602-417-4182.

### **TO UPDATE YOUR AMPM:**

#### **Main Table of Contents**

Replace Main Table of Contents with the revised TOC.

#### **Chapter 100**

Replace pages 100-3 through 100-4 with the revised pages 100-3 through 100-4.

Replace pages 100-11 through 100-16 with the revised pages 100-11 through 100-16.

### **Chapter 300**

Replace Chapter Table of Contents with the revised TOC.

Replace Exhibit 300-2 with the revised Exhibit 300-2.

Replace pages 310-1 through 310-6 with the revised pages 310-1 through 310-6.

Replace pages 310-67 through 310-77 with the revised pages 310-67 through 310-101.

Replace Attachment A with the revised Attachment A.

Remove Attachment B.

Replace pages 320-1 through 320-2 with the revised pages 320-1 through 320-2.

Replace pages 320-25 through 320-26 with the revised pages 320-25 through 320-26.

### **Chapter 400**

Replace pages 430-15 through 430-16 with the revised pages 430-15 through 430-16.

### **Chapter 600**

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### **Chapter 800**

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### **Chapter 1100**

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### **Chapter 1200**

Replace pages 1210-3 through 1210-5 with the revised pages 1210-3 through 1210-5.

Replace pages 1240-13 through 1240-14 with the revised pages 1240-13 through 1240-14.

Replace pages 1250-1 through 1250-2 with the revised pages 1250-1 through 1250-2.

### **Chapter 1600**

Replace pages 1620-19 through 1620-20 with the revised pages 1620-19 through 1620-20.

### **Appendices Title Page**

Replace Appendices Title Page with the revised Appendices Title Page.

### **Appendix G**

Remove entire Appendix G and replace with the revised page indicating that Appendix G is now reserved.